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A DECLARA-
 tion of the Kinges plea-
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 ture from Paris : importing the
cause of his sudden and forced
going away.



Rusty and wel-
 beloucd. Being
 in our Towne
 of *Paris*, where
 we bent our on-
 ly cogitatioⁿs to
 no other thing but the appea-
 sing of all sorts of ielouzies and
 Disturbances in *Picardy* and else
 wher, which hindered our iour-
 ney into our Country of *Poitou*,
 there to prosecute the warres
 enterprized against the *Hugue-*
notes, according as we had resol-
 ued, our cosen the Duke of *Guize*
 2 *vnawares*

vnwares to vs, did there ariue
 the ninth of this moneth. His
 comming after that sort so en-
 creased the saide ielouzies and
 distrusts, that wee were much
 troubled therewith: the rather
 for that before we had from di-
 uers places beene aduertized,
 that he should come in such ma-
 ner: also, that he was looked for,
 by sundry the inhabitantes of
 the same towne, who were sus-
 pected to bee the authozs of the
 saide distrusts, besides that our
 selfe had before for the same
 cause giuen him to vnderstād, y
 wee were nothing desirous of
 his comming before we had ap-
 peazed the aforesayde troubles
 of Picardy, and quite taken away
 the causes of the same. Consid-
 ring neuerthelesse, that he came
 accompanied onely with four-
 teene or fiftene horses, we were
 con-

content to see him, and that the rather to the ende to endeavour so to Deale with him that all occasions of ielouzie and distrust might be extinguisht: wherunto seeing howe smally wee profited, as also that our saide Towne grewe dayly more and more replenished with Gentlemen and strangers, retayners to the said Dukes trayne: also, that such searches, as we caused the magistrates and officers thereof to make, were through the fear wherinto they were driuen, performed to halues: likewise, that the harts and affections of sundry the enhabitants were dayly prouoked, and more and more alienated: together with the ordinary aduertizementes whereby wee were from time to time enformed of some great troubles to fall out in y^e same towne,

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we Determined to cause the said
 searches to be more exactly per=
 formed throughout al the quar=
 ters thereof thou the former, to
 the end thereby to discouer and
 truely finde out the state of the
 same, also to auoide such stran=
 gers as shoulde be found not to
 be aduowed as they ought. For
 the perfozmance whereof wee
 thought it good to strengthen
 certaine the bodie of the gar=
 des of the enhabitants and bur=
 geses of the same Town whom
 we had appointed to be planted
 in foure or fīue corners there=
 of, with the companies of *Suit=
 zers*, and such as were of the re=
 giments of our guard: who be=
 fore were lodged in y suburbs:
 also to commaunde diuers the
 Lords of the counsaill & knights
 of our order of the holy ghost, to
 march along the streets & quar=
 ters

ters thereof accompanied with
the quarter masters and others
the officers of the said Towne,
such as haue bene vsually accu-
stomed to make the saide sear-
ches, to the end by their counte-
naunce to authorize and assist
them in the same, as hath sun-
dry times bin practized. Wher-
of also we gaue notice to the said
Duke, and all the enhabitantes
of the saide Towne, leaste any
thereof shoulde take allarom
or any whit doubt of our entent
in this point, which order at the
beginning the Burgeeses and
Dwellers seemed to take quietly
and in good part: Howbeit
within a while after matters
grewe so whot and that the ra-
ther throught the induction of
diuers who wandering vp and
downe enformed the said enha-
bitats that we had not brought

in the said forces for any other
 end, but only to establish forrein
 garisons within the Towne a-
 foresaid, yea, and to deale worse
 then so: whereby in short space
 they had so animated and stir-
 red them vp, that if wee had not
 expressely forbidden the leaders
 of our troopes from attempting
 any thing against the sayde en-
 habitants, & withall commaun-
 ded them rather to beare and
 endure all extremities then to
 offer any violence, wee doe vn-
 doubtedly belecue that it had bin
 vnpossible to eschue the general
 sacke of the Towne and much
 bloodshed. This when we per-
 ceined, wee determined to cease
 the execution of the searches a-
 foresaid, also to cause our forces
 to retire whome wee had not
 brought in, but vpon that onely
 occasion: as also it was no o-
 ther

ther like, but that if we had met
 otherwise wee woulde haue at-
 tempted, yea, and peraduenture
 put in execution whatsoeuer
 our purposes before the rising
 of the said enhabitantes, eyther
 that they had drawne their
 chaynes or erected their Defen-
 ses in the streetes, which imme-
 diatly after noone they went in
 hande withall, and in a manner
 in one instant thzoughout all
 the streetes of *Paris*, being there-
 to induced and perswaded by
 sundry gentlemen, Capteines
 and other straungers sent in by
 the saide Duke of *Guize*, who to
 the same end, in very short space
 appeared, deuided and aranged,
 thzoughout euery quarter of the
 Towne. Hercupon causing the
 sayde *Switzers* and french com-
 panies, to returne, the sayd en-
 habitantes to our great greefe
 Dis-

discharged diuers Harquebuze
 shot, & dealt some blowes which
 light cheefely vpon the sayde
Switzers, whome the same eue-
 ning we commaunded to retire
 and lodge about our Castle of
 the *Loure*, there to expect the
 euent of this commotion of the
 said towne-men: for the appea-
 sing wherof, we did all that pos-
 sibly we could, yea, so farre forth
 as the next day to procure all
 the sayd companies, except such
 as before their comming in we
 had placed in guard before our
 said Castle, to depart the town,
 as beeing enformed that in so
 doing, we might greatly contēt
 and pacify the said inhabitants:
 as also wee caused to stay some
 remaynder of the companies of
 foote-men of the regiment of *Pi-*
cardy, albeit they were as yet se-
 uen or eyght leagues off, togi-
 ther

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ther with diuers Lordes and
gentlemen our scruaunts that
drew vnto vs: as considering
y^e the same had bred some sha-
dowe to this people, also y^e they
took hold of this pretence, wher
by the more to prouoke & stirre
them vp. All this notwithstanding,
in lieu of finding our wi-
shed effect to their own benefite
and our contentation, they ne-
uerthelesse still proceeded in rai-
sing their bulwacks, strengthe-
ning their garde night & day,
& approaching the same toward
our said Castle of the *Loure*, euen
to the very sentinels of our ordi-
nary garde, as also they seized
vpon the townhouse of the same
towne, together with the keyes
of *S. Anthonies* gate and other the
gates therof: so that by the thir-
teenth of this moneth, matters
were runne so farre that it see-
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med vnpossible by mans power
to stoppe the effect of greater vi-
olence and commotion, euen be-
fore our sayd castle gates. This
when wee perceiued, and being
neuerthelesse vnwilling to em-
ploy our sayd forces against the
said enhabitanes, as hauing e-
uermore helde the preservation
of the sayde Towne with the
enhabitants thereof, as deere as
our owne life, as in sundry their
occasions they haue well tryed
and is euident to all men, wee
determined the same day to de-
part, and rather to absent our
selues, and abandon the place
which aboue all the world wee
most loued, and so doe still desire
to doe, then to see it encurre fur-
ther hazarde or receiue greater
domage: hauing withal entrea-
ted our most honourable Lady
and Mother to stay, & try whe-
ther

ther she might through her discretion and authoritie in our absence bee able to finde anye means, how to appeaze the said tumult, which notwithstanding, whatsoeuer her endenours, she conide not in our presence performe, and so are come into this our Towne of *Chartres*, from whence wee thought good immediately to sende you these presentes therein Desiring you to consider of the consequence of this cause, how preiudiciall and hurtfull it will be, in case it goe forward, vnto the cōmon cause, especially to our holy catholike, Apostolike and Romish religiō, sith that they who were wont to fight togither for the propagation therof, shal through this accident (if it bee not remedied) be disvnited and forced to turne their weapons each against other:

ther: to eschue the falling wher-
 into we pray you to beleue that
 for our partes we wil do what-
 soeuer possibly we may: of such
 force is the zeale that we beare
 vnto our saide religion, as he-
 therto we haue sufficiently cau-
 sed to appeare. We also, so much
 as in vs lyeth, exhort and pray
 you to procure supplications to
 God in your Churches for this
 reuinion, as also that the obedi-
 ence vnto vs due, bee obserued
 according as is mete, and not
 to suffer the enhabitants of our
 Towne of *M.* to depart the
 right pathes thereof: but to ad-
 monish and perswade them to
 remaine quiet and constant in
 their loyalties to their King: &
 in vniou and concord one with
 an other, so to mayntayne and
 preserue themselves vnder our
 obedience, and not to encurre
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the discōmodities for them provided, if they take any other course. Thus besides that you shal performe an action worthy your discretions, fidelities and duties, which may bee a notable example to all subiectes, we shal recelde you thanks for euer, & acknowledge it to you
and yours.

Giuen at Chartres. *May.*

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